
The Greenbrier Independent.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1882.

Locals—Hereafter twenty cents per line will be charged for Local notices for each insertion. Eight words may be estimated to a line. This charge will be strictly adhered to.

And Special notices, in small type immediately preceding marriages and deaths, will be inserted at the rate of 15 cents per line.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—Political notices, articles advocating candidates for office and announcements of candidates, will be charged for each insertion.

D. R. THOMAS, at 1001, has a full assortment of Holiday Goods.

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and vastly more interesting than Benton's
"Thirty Years in the United States Senate."
Paducah News.

Heirs Wanted.

You There is a fund of from \$800 to \$1,000 in
the hands of General John Echols as re-
ceiver of the court, which awaits distribution
if the heirs can ever be found. The story of
it is unusual. Some two generations ago
there died in Rockingham county Wm. Cath-
rae. He had sold a female slave to one
Crummy with the proviso that when she
came of age she should be free, and that if
she bore in the meantime her children
should be free at 21 years of age. Crummy
sold the woman to Rutherford who died, and
it was in the settlement of Rutherford's es-
tate that the question of freedom came up;
the woman having become of age in 1844.—
The question was taken into the courts which
decided that under the Virginia law slaves
could not be liberated in the manner adopted
by Cathrae and decreed that the woman and
her issue were still the property of the Cath-
rae estate. Cathrae had long since died and
his widow had married John Ruff of Rock-
bridge, the father of the wife of Rev. Dr. J. S.
Martin, of Staunton. The slaves were sold
and the fund, as we have stated, awaits dis-
tribution among the heirs of Wm. Cathrae.—
Some of them are, it is believed, in Missouri
and some in Summers and Raleigh counties,
W. Va.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

CANNED POISON.—Canned fruits, vegeta-
bles, meats, fish, soap, even canned pud-